

I urge my colleagues in joining me in celebrating Cesar Estrada Chavez's life and legacy. America is a better place because of Cesar Chavez.

GABRIELLE BOND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gabrielle Bond for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Gabrielle Bond is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Gabrielle Bond is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Gabrielle Bond for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

THE BRIDGE TO JOBS ACT

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, as every American knows, we have a jobs crisis in this country. While unemployment has improved within the past year, it is still strangling our economy. Approximately 40 percent of jobless Americans—who lost their jobs through no fault of their own—have been out of work for six months or longer, and the longer they wait, the harder it is for them to find jobs. The fact of the matter is that we will not see robust economic growth again until we put Americans back to work.

We also have an infrastructure crisis. According to Transportation for America, there are 69,223 bridges that have been classified as "structurally deficient" by the Federal Highway Administration. Leaving these bridges in their current state of disrepair poses a grave threat not only to our safety, but also to our economy. As the President noted last year, "Our aging transportation infrastructure costs American businesses and families about \$130 billion a year . . . and if we don't act now, it could cost America hundreds of billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs by the end of the decade." Additionally, studies have shown that our crumbling infrastructure threatens our competitive edge in the world economy. As the Washington Post reported last summer, if nothing is done to improve our infrastructure, "U.S. businesses would pay an added \$430 billion in transportation costs, household incomes would fall by more than \$7,000, and U.S. exports will fall by \$28 billion." Mr. Speaker, we can't afford to wait until the end of the decade; we need action now.

Alleviating both of these crises is not a mutually exclusive endeavor. That's why I've introduced the "Bridge to Jobs Act," a much-needed "win-win" for the American economy and public safety. The act provides states with grants to put Americans back to work by repairing crumbling bridges. Not only will this legislation put Americans back to work and bolster our ailing economy, it will also ensure the safety of the millions who use these bridges each and every day. I urge my colleagues to support this crucial investment in our workforce, our economy, and our safety.

HONORING GREENSBURG HIGH
SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishment of the Greensburg Community High School boys basketball team in Greensburg, Indiana. As a 1987 graduate of GCHS, my Pirate Pride beams proud.

The Greensburg boys varsity basketball team recently made school history by securing the school's first team state championship. The Pirates came back from a 10-point deficit at halftime to force overtime and won the Indiana Class 3A State Basketball Championship 73–70 over Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran.

Greensburg started with five underclassmen, and was led in scoring in the title game by junior Bryant McIntosh with 25 points and in rebounds by junior Sean Sellers with 12. In addition, Sean set an Individual IHSAA Record for Highest Title Game Free Throw Percentage, making 11 of 11 in the game. The team finished the season 26–1 with the best winning percentage in the State.

I want to congratulate this team for showing great resolve and teamwork throughout the state tournament and in the title game. I also want to commend the team for representing yourselves with class throughout the season, the tournament, and the remainder of the year.

Congratulations go to starters Macy Holdsworth, Bryant McIntosh, Colin Rigney, Sean Sellers, and Ryan Welage, along with teammates Riley Billieu, Tyler Burcham, Tye Fleetwood, Shane Ploeger, Drew Foster, Tom Lawrence, and Brad Wilson. For the leadership of this championship team, congratulations and accolades go to the 7th-year head coach, Stacy Meyer, and assistant coaches, Scott Holdsworth, Jason Simpson, Scott McIntosh, Scott Ferguson, and Dave Lawrence.

I am thrilled to see a championship banner raised at my alma mater, and I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Greensburg Community High School boys varsity basketball team for their dedication, execution, and excellence this season.

FRANKIE OLIVAREZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Frankie Olivarez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Frankie Olivarez is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Frankie Olivarez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Frankie Olivarez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING FREDERICK J.
HORECKY ON RECEIVING THE
2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS AD-
MINISTRATION'S MINORITY
SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION
AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Frederick J. Horecky on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Minority Small Business Champion Award for Guam. Mr. Horecky is the proprietor and managing attorney of his law firm, the Law Offices of Horecky & Associates. Fred has been practicing law in Guam almost immediately after earning his juris doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Quick to learn the dynamics of a successful legal practice, Fred opened Horecky & Associates in 1983, a general practice law firm. Horecky & Associates quickly grew from sole practitioner to six attorneys specializing in a several areas of jurisprudence.

Currently, Fred practices law as a sole practitioner specializing in corporate law and the incorporation of Guam Business Corporations and Limited Liability Companies. He provides legal advice to numerous minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses on corporate issues. Additionally, he serves as Legal Counsel to the Guam Public Utilities Commission and Administrative Law Judge for power, telecommunications, and solid waste matters. He is the owner and Chief Executive Officer of two businesses, Buena Vista Realty LLC and Buena Vista Environmental LLC.

Fred was born in Washington D.C. and spent the majority of his formative years in Alexandria, Virginia. He was the only child born to parents who both were career employees at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.